

What is claimed is:

1. An L-leucine producing bacterium belonging to the genus *Escherichia*, which produces L-valine, L-isoleucine and L-homoleucine in an amount of less than 1% of that of L-leucine produced.
2. The bacterium according to claim 1, wherein the bacterium produces L-valine, L-isoleucine and L-homoleucine in an amount of less than 1% of that of L-leucine produced due to inactivation of *ilvE* gene or decreasing activity of the protein coded by *ilvE* gene.
3. The bacterium according to claim 2, wherein the activity of the protein coded by *tyrB* gene is increased.
4. The bacterium according to claim 3, wherein the activity of the protein coded by *tyrB* gene is increased by transformation of the bacterium with a DNA containing *tyrB* gene.
5. The bacterium according to claim 4, wherein the bacterium is transformed using a multicopy vector.
6. A method for producing the L-leucine, which method comprises the steps of:
  - cultivating the bacterium according to any of claim 1 to 5 in a medium to produce and accumulate the L-leucine in the medium, and
  - collecting the L-leucine from the medium.

7. The method according to claim 6, wherein the bacterium has been modified to have enhanced expression of a gene of L-leucine biosynthesis.